

# How To Close a 4-Mile Section of an Interstate Highway

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**ORM: Occasional Risk Mismanagement**

# A tracked backhoe excavator being transported on a flatbed trailer



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# The boom extended and ripped through the concrete deck of the bridge



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The driver didn't have permits for the interstate and was supposed to be taking other roads

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Best case: several weeks of  
repairs, hundreds of  
thousands of dollars



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Bridges get hit “fairly often,” a DoT engineer said, but that damage is usually minor.

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